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### Public Health Officers.

Office	Officer	Qualifications	Whole or Part Time
Medical Officer of Health	Jean H. Ritchie	M.B., Ch.B.	Part Time
Chief Sanitary Inspector	T. Pilkington	Sanitary Inspector's Certificate, Royal Sanitary Institute Meat Inspector's Certificate, Royal Sanitary Institute Member of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association	Whole Time
Additional Sanitary Inspector	P. Briscoe	Sanitary Inspector's Certificate, Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Jt. Board Meat Inspector's Certificate, Royal Sanitary Institute	Whole Time



# ANNUAL REPORT, 1938.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Worsborough Urban District Council.*

Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health conditions of your district for the year ending 31st December, 1938.

I apologise for its reaching you so late, but this is due to excess A.R.P. work, which has had to take priority all over the country.

Your Obedient Servant

J. H. RITCHIE.

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## General Statistics.

The Area of the District is 3,613 acres.

The Population as estimated by the Registrar General is 13,160 upon which our Birth and Death Rates are calculated.

Population (Census 1931), 12,490.

Number of Inhabited Houses (1931), 3,024.

Number of inhabited houses (1938), 3,648.

Rateable value—£43,625.

Sum represented by a penny rate £165.

The Social conditions are the same as stated in previous reports.

Coal Mining is still the principal occupation of the male population.

No new industries have been established during the past year.

## Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

According to the Registrar General's figures :—

Total live births in the district :—241 (males 117, females 124).

Legitimate ..... 114 males, 121 females.

Illegitimate ..... 3 males, 3 females.

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population—18.31.

Still Births—10 (5 males, 5 females).

Legitimate ..... 4 males, 4 females.

Illegitimate ..... 1 male, 1 female.

Still Birth Rate—.75.

Live and Still Birth Rate for the year—19.07.

Deaths of all ages—145 (males 74, females 71).

Death Rate for the year—11.01.

Adjusted Death Rate for the year—13.43.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes—

Puerperal Sepsis — 2—Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births—7.96.

Other Puerperal — 3—Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births—11.95.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year—

Total 13 (males 5, females 8)—all legitimate.

Infantile Mortality Rate for the year, per 1,000 live births—53.94.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ..... 13

Deaths from Measles ..... 2

Deaths from Whooping Cough ..... 0

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ..... 1

### England and Wales.

	1936	1937	1938
Death Rate	12.1	12.4	11.6
Birth Rate	14.8	14.9	15.1
Infantile Mortality Rate	59	58	53

### Worsborough District.

	1936	1937	1938
Death Rate	10.28	10.08	11.01
Birth Rate	22.33	20.62	18.31
Infantile Mortality Rate	51.02	69.85	53.94

### Causes of Death in 1938.

Disease.	Males	Females
Cancer .....	9	4
Appendicitis .....	2	—
Cirrhosis of Liver .....	1	—
Acute and Chronic Nephritis .....	1	1
Other Liver Diseases .....	1	1
Puerperal Sepsis .....	—	2
Other Puerperal Diseases .....	—	3
Other Digestive Diseases .....	2	3
Congenital Debility & Premature Birth	3	5
Senility .....	2	1
Other Violences .....	1	1
Other Defined Diseases .....	3	5
Diabetes .....	1	2
Cerebral Hæmorrhage .....	5	6
Heart Disease .....	17	15
Other Circulatory Disease .....	5	8
Bronchitis .....	5	3
Pneumonia .....	9	5
Peptic Ulcer .....	—	1
Diarrhoea under 2 years .....	1	—
Syphilis .....	1	—
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System .....	2	3
Other Tuberculosis .....	1	—
Influenza .....	—	1
Scarlet Fever .....	1	—
Measles .....	1	1
	74	71

### Deaths under 1 year.

	Under 24 hours		Under One Week		Under One Year		Total
	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	
Convulsions	...	..	...	...	...	1	1
Marasmus	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Broncho-Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Congenital	...	...	...	1	..	1	2
Prematurity	...	..	...	2	2	1	5
				3	5	5	13

## Deaths under One Year in the Different Areas.

Worsbro' Dale	Worsbro' Bridge	Birdwell and Worsbro'	Blacker Hill	Total
3	6	3	1	13
<b>Deaths at 1</b>	<b>year and upwards.</b>			
53	36	31	12	132
56	42	34	13	145

## Observations on Vital Statistics.

The Vital Statistics for 1938 are remarkably like those of other years. The Death Rate for Worsborough District is very near to that of England and Wales, while our Birth Rate is considerably higher.

In considering the causes of Death, it is observed that Heart Disease is accountable for the greatest number of deaths both in males and females. In fact it accounts for practically one third of all the deaths. The average age among males dying from Heart Disease is 70; females 63. Pneumonia is responsible for 14 deaths and Cancer 13.

Puerperal Deaths number 5 for 1938. It is known that in four of these cases no ante-natal supervision was sought.

The Infantile Mortality Rate compares much more favourably with that of England and Wales this year. Last year ours was 11.85 higher: this year it is only .94 higher. Considering that Worsborough's Birth Rate is 3.21 more than that of England and Wales the Mortality Rate is not really so high.

Tuberculosis continues to be on the wane. Six deaths are accounted for by one or other form of tuberculosis.

The Child Welfare Centres still do good work. The Council has inaugurated a Clinic for toddlers, which I attend as Medical Officer once a month. At the commencement of this clinic in the month of October, I was concerned to find many of the children considerably below the average physical standard.



I therefore approached the County Medical Officer telling him of my concern and suggesting that Worsborough might have facilities for letting these children have Ultra-Violet Ray Treatment. It was accordingly arranged that these children could be taken by a 'bus to the Sun Ray Clinic at Wombwell twice a week for a six weeks course. School children may also have the treatment.

It is unfortunate, however, that we have not an Ultra-Violet Lamp in our Clinic as the arrangements for transport and going with the children takes up a great deal of the Health Visitor's time. The extra work means that the Health Visitor has less time than ever for the important visiting of backward babies in their homes.

### **Diphtheria Immunisation.**

We had a strenuous Immunisation campaign again this year, but though at first sight the results appear good, nothing short of one hundred per cent. can be considered satisfactory. Nevertheless, figures obtained from County Hall for school population in other areas show that Worsborough's percentage is easily three times higher than that of any other place. I should like to put on record the splendid way the Health Visitor and all the Head Teachers in the Schools have co-operated in this work.

### **Air Raid Precautions.**

It has been necessary to devote a very considerable amount of time to arrangements connected with the above. Much correspondence and negotiation about First Aid Posts in Worsborough have been required.

The training of men and women in First Aid and Anti-gas to man these posts is in my hands. With the active co-operation of Captain Symons and Mr. T. Clayton—A.R.P. Organiser and Assistant—this work has gone on apace.

We have been allowed finally one First Aid Post and one mobile unit for Worsborough, as well as about six or seven first aid points. We have already enough trained volunteers for all these positions.

## General Provisions of Health Services.

### Hospitals.

- A. (1) Fever. Arrangements with the Wath, Swinton and District Joint Hospital Board.
- (2) Smallpox. Arrangements with the Wath, Swinton and District Joint Hospital Board.
- B. (1) Tuberculosis. Provided by the County Council.
- (2) Maternity. Nil.
- (3) Children. Nil.
- (4) Other Hospitals not supported by the Council, viz.:—  
Beckett Hospital, Barnsley, and the Hospitals at Sheffield and Leeds.

No institutional provisions for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants, and homeless children.

### Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) For Infectious Diseases:—  
Arrangements with the Wath, Swinton and District Joint Hospital Board to remove all cases to hospital.
- (b) For Accidents, etc., and Non-Infectious Cases:—  
Motor Ambulance provided by the Council.

Particulars supplied by the Surveyor:—

Number of Patients using the ambulance :—

1937.	1938.	Increase
807	1,095	288

Number of miles travelled :—

1937.	1938.	Increase
7,863	9,337	1,374

Running costs of the ambulance :—

1937.	1938.	Increase
£310 0s. 6d.	£401 10s. 5d.	£91 9s. 11d.

The Ambulance was out on 300 days.

Average cost per patient—7s. 4d.

Cost of Ambulance per day—£1 6s. 9d.

## Nursing in the Home.

### Nature of Arrangements in the District.

(a) General:—Private Association known as the “Cooper and Worsboro’ District Nursing Association” (partly endowed) provides two qualified Nurses for the “Necessitous Poor” for treatment in their own homes, for the whole District.

During the year the Nurses made 6,299 General Visits to patients homes, 76 casual visits and 175 new cases were treated. Amongst the cases treated, 1,913 visits were paid to Public Assistance and Notifiable cases.

(b) Infectious Diseases :—None.

Midwives:—Controlled by the County Council.

Laboratory Facilities :—Pathological and Bacteriological Examinations are carried out by the County Council.

### List and Dates of Adoptive Acts, Bye-laws, and Local Regulations in force in the District.

	Adopted.
The Private Street Works Act, 1892	11th Feb., 1893
Bye-laws with respect to New Streets and Buildings, Paving of Back Yards and Open Spaces	6th Oct., 1923
Bye-laws with respect to Nuisances, Slaughter-houses, etc.	17th Sept., 1900
Bye-laws with respect to Offensive Trades (Fish and Chip Frying included).....	20th Feb., 1922

### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

#### Water Supply.

The main water supply is obtained from the Barnsley Corporation by meter and is then distributed throughout the district by the Council.

All the houses are on public supply with the exception of about 14 houses on the outskirts of the district and these obtain their supply from wells.

During the year complaint was made regarding the water supply at Dovecliffe cottages. These cottages are situated on the Dovecliffe Station belonging to the L. & N. E. Railway and the only supply had been from a tap in the station yard, adjacent to the houses.



The supply to this tap came from a large tank some distance from the station which was constructed for the purpose of filling the locomotives.

Complaint was made of bad taste and discolouration and the Railway Company was approached and asked to provide a sufficient and pure supply of water.

The cost of piping water to the houses from the main supply point was exceptionally high. The Railway Company evolved a scheme whereby the water was brought by train to the houses, once in the morning and once in the evening, in ten gallon cans, of suitable material and construction. This same system, the Council were given to understand, had been put into operation successfully in several other districts throughout the Railway Company's System.

The Council have allowed the arrangement, but only for a temporary period.

Action was also taken this year with regard to a well, situated at Rockley Old Hall Farm, Worsborough Bridge. The main supply was piped to this farm but for economic reasons, the owners decided to install a pumping machine into an old well outside the farm yard and pump the water into a large storage tank in the main barn, and from there it was piped to the cowsheds for drinking and cleansing and also to the dairy for cooling purposes. The farmer in question was an Accredited Milk Producer and as a result of complaint, a sample of water was taken and submitted for Bacteriological and Chemical Examination. The result showed that the well water was unsatisfactory, and the West Riding County Council restricted the use of the water from this well to cooling and swilling purposes only.

Extensions of water main during the year are 683 yards of 4 inch main and 158 yards of 3 inch main at Dawcroft.

### **Drainage and Sewerage.**

New sewer extensions have been laid at Dawcroft.

335 yards of 12 inch sewer.

138 yards of 9 inch sewer.

1,173 yards of 6 inch sewer.

There are still approximately 97 houses (including farm houses) still unconnected.



There have been no complaints with regard to the sewage disposal. The Council have two sewage farms, one at Birdwell and one at Worsborough Dale. The sewage is treated on the Intermittent Downward Filtration Principle, in conjunction with Rotary Sprinklers, Sediment and Humus Tanks.

No additions or alterations have been made at these works, and at present there is no shortage.

### Closet Accommodation.

Fair progress still continues with regard to the conversion of Duckett closets and privies into fresh water closets.

As a result of the circular letter sent to owners of these closets some two years ago, 18 duckets and 7 privies have been converted during the present year.

A total of 135 duckett closets and 53 privies have now been converted.

This still leaves approximately 53 privies which can be connected to the sewer and further action is about to be taken.

No. of Privies converted into Water Closets during 1938	No. of Waste Water Closets converted into Water Closets during 1938	No. of Additional Closets provided for Old Property	No. of Water Closets constructed for New Houses	No. of Closets in District at end of 1938		
				W.C.'s	Waste W.C.'s	Privies
7	18	4	69	2,826	146	162

### Scavenging.

No of Ashpits emptied .....	.....	.....	.....	10,920
No. of Dustbins emptied .....	.....	.....	.....	131,321
No. of loads removed .....	.....	.....	.....	5,621
Deposited on land .....	.....	.....	.....	2,017
Deposited on tips .....	.....	.....	.....	3,604

The total cost of scavenging for the year was £2,238, which is less than last year by £158.

During 1938, the Council took action under the Public Health Act, 1936, for the provision of Sanitary Dust-Bins in lieu of Ash pits.

Considerable progress has been made in this direction, many owners being only too willing to provide the bins.

The Council desired that existing ashpit buildings should not be demolished, in cases where the buildings were not in a dilapidated condition, but, with slight structural alteration to provide a shelter for the bins and this arrangement has proved satisfactory from an economic and hygienic point of view.

The night soil is deposited on farm land and the household refuse on tips.

The scavenging department has been reorganised to a certain extent and the transport now consists solely of motor wagons, the horse carts now having been disposed of entirely.

The arrangements for the disposal of condemned meat are still unsatisfactory, since there is no destructor in this district and payment is made to a neighbouring authority for each load of condemned meat destroyed.

### Nuisances under the Public Health Acts.

Total No. of Inspections made in 1938 for nuisances only—132	No. of Notices served by Inspector		No. of Notices Complied with
	Informal	Statutory	
Ash-pits .. .. . 3	3		3
Dust Bins .. .. . 2	2		2
Drains, Gullies, etc. .. .. 11	11	2	11
Overcrowding .. ... 2	2		2
Rats .. .. . 3	3		3
Defective Sinks .. .. . 4	4		4
Water Supply .. .. . 1	1		1
Pig Keeping .. .. . 2	2	1	2
Vermin .. .. . 3	3		3
Water Closets .. .. . 1	1		1
Duckett Closets .. ... 3	3		3
Sewage .. .. . 2	2		2
Accumulations .. .. . 2	2		2
Builders' Refuse .. .. . 1	1		1
Fowls and Pigeons .. .. . 1	1		1
Privy .. .. . 1	1		1
Dogs .. .. . 1	1		1
Ventilation .. .. . 1	1		1
Dirty Premises .. .. . 1	1	1	1
—	—	—	—
45	45	4	44

## Inspection of Factories, Meat Shops, etc.

		No. of Inspections	CONDITIONS
No. of Bakehouses—			
On Register	..... 2	8	Kept clean & satisfactory
No. of Offensive Trades—			
(Fish Frying only)			
On Register	..... 18	54	One Shop condemned this year, demolished and struck off Register One Shop demolished and rebuilt in another part of the district Conditions quite satisfactory
No. of Meat Shops	..... 14	42	Conditions satisfactory
No. of Slaughterhouses—			
On Register	..... 11	1100	Generally kept in clean condition
No. of Factories	..... 17	68	With the exception of the Barrow Coking Co. and Messrs. Longleys, Timber Merchants, none of these premises are extensive and only a few hands are employed. Routine inspections have been made and several discrepancies under the Act have been discovered. These are receiving attention

### Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no Swimming Baths or Pools in this District, but there is a growing demand for facilities for bathing.

### Smoke Abatement.

Smoke observations have been taken several times during the last year but there has been no complaint and no cause for further action to be taken.

### Rag Flock Acts, 1911 and 1928.

There are no premises in the District on which rag flock is manufactured, used or sold.

### Burning Spoil Banks.

The Spoil Banks belonging to the Barnsley Main Collieries are constantly burning and at times emit large quantities of smoke.

Fortunately there are no houses near these banks.



### **The Eradication of Bed Bugs.**

This problem still commands a good deal of attention, during the last year particularly, due to the completion of many new Council Houses. Every tenant moving from a condemned house has been visited and the house and the furniture inspected for vermin.

As a result, 2 Council Houses and 16 private houses were found to be verminous and the furniture of the tenants moving into new houses was fumigated with Hydrogen Cyanide Gas. The houses remaining, whether to be demolished or not were treated with Sulphur vapour and Insecticide spray—Zaldecyde—from which satisfactory results were obtained.

In the case of Council Houses found to be verminous, the Hydrogen Cyanide Gas is not used, since the houses are built in blocks of two and the difficulty of creating the necessary safety zone would entail too much inconvenience and expense. In these cases the house is stoved with "Cymex" vapour, in conjunction with the liquid spray, and it is the usual practice to stove both houses in the block so as to prevent the retreat of the bugs into a house which is not so troubled. It has been found that tenants living in a house next to one which was verminous, were only too eager to have the precautions taken.

The Council do not undertake to disinfest private houses, except upon the request and payment of the owner. In these cases the "Cymex" vapour and Zaldecyde spray are used and for an ordinary 3 bedroom type house the cost is approximately £1.

Tenants who wish to stove their own houses are granted Sulphur candles and Zaldecyde spray free of charge.

Many people take advantage of this, particularly in cases where the house has been previously infested but is now considered clear. When the warmer weather approaches, a thorough cleaning and stoving has excellent results.

### **Schools.**

There are nine schools in the district, four of which are Council Schools and the remaining five are non-provided.

Periodical inspections have been made during the year, but very little has been done with regard to alterations, repairs etc. Nothing has been done with regard to the Worsborough Dale Church of England School, concerning which representations were made by the Council to the Governing Authorities some time ago.



The County Council are now building a new school at Ward Green with accommodation for about 250 children.

The water supply in all cases has been sufficient and satisfactory. There have been no outbreaks of illness and no schools have been closed, but the Worsborough Dale Church of England School has been disinfected as a result of two Diphtheria Contacts being allowed to go to school in ignorance of the fact that a case of Diphtheria had broken out in their home.

**Housing.**

Considerable progress has been made during the year with regard to the programme for Slum Clearance and Overcrowding. This question has again, as in the past two years, commanded the greater part of the time of the Health Department, and it is now almost safe to say that the end of the main Slum Clearance Programme is in sight.

No further Clearance Areas have been declared during the year but considerable action has been taken with regard to Individual Unfit Houses.

A total of 21 houses with a population of 72 persons, have been declared as Individual Unfits and action in several cases has now been completed.

- Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 Dovecliffe Cottages, Blacker Hill.
- Nos. 31, 33, 35, 37, 39 Worsborough Village.
- Blacker Farm House
- Blacker Farm Cottage.
- No. 4 Rockley Lane, Birdwell.
- No. 5 Houndsfield Court, Worsborough Dale.
- No. 2 Victoria Crescent, Birdwell.
- Rockley Hall Cottage.
- Nos. 5 and 6 Longley Terrace, Worsborough Dale.
- No. 3 Armitage Yard, Blacker Hill.
- No. 5 Middle Blacker, Blacker Hill.
- Nos. 2 and 3 Blackburn Lane, Worsborough Bridge.

**Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.**

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .....	261
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .....	261

2.	(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 .....	132
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose .....	132
3.		Number of dwelling-houses needing further action .....	92
	(a)	Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .....	13
	(b)	Number (excluding those in sub-head 3 above) found not to be in all respects fit for habitation .....	79

### **Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notice.**

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers .....	45
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### **Action under Statutory Powers during the year.**

(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.		
	(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .....	75
	(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices. (38 outstanding)	37
	(a)	By Owners .....	37
	(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners .....	0

### **Proceedings under Sections 11 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.**

(1)	Number of representations, etc. made in respect of dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation .....	21
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made .....	18
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders .....	6

## Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made .....	4
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms the closing orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit .....	0

## Overcrowding.

Of the 35 cases of overcrowding under the Act remaining unremedied at the end of 1937, 14 have been remedied.

Also 13 cases of overcrowding based on bedroom accommodation have been remedied.

During the year, a survey was conducted, including principally the border-line cases of the previous year and this revealed a further 15 cases of overcrowding under the Act, of which 4 have been remedied, also 79 cases, including dual families, which, though not overcrowded under the Act, required increased bedroom accommodation. Of these 15 have already been remedied.

At the end of the year 1938, there remained 31 cases of overcrowding under the Act and 64 cases of overcrowding on bedroom accommodation.

The Council have now completed the building of the 38 houses at Blacker Hill, and almost completed the 158 houses at Dawcroft, for slum clearance and Overcrowding, and of the latter houses at least 50 have been allocated to overcrowding cases.

When this last schème is completed, it is anticipated that there will be very little overcrowding in the district.

It will, however, become necessary, failing the building of houses by private enterprise, for the Council to provide further housing schemes to meet the natural growth of the district.

## Milk Supply.

### Milk and Dairies Orders.

Summary of the Registers :—

Number of Milk Producers .....	26
Number of Milk Retailers .....	26
Number of Milk Retailers (Not Cowkeepers) .....	10
Number of Wholesalers .....	7



One producer licensed for the Production of Certified Tuberculin Tested or Grade A (T.T.) Milk.

One vendor licensed to retail Pasteurised Milk. (Not produced in the District).

Six Vendors licensed to retail Accredited Milk.

There are 42 cowsheds in the district and a total of 300 cows are kept.

Extensive drainage alterations have been completed at one of the farms. The general standard of cleanliness and structural condition is good and all the cattle have been inspected by the veterinary inspector.

Apart from the routine samples of milk taken for bacteriological examination by the inspectors of the County Council, 9 samples were taken for sediment test, and 4 samples were taken under the Food and Drugs Acts. All the samples were found to be satisfactory and genuine.

### Meat Inspection.

There is no public abattoir in the district, the slaughtering being done in 11 private slaughterhouses, 9 of which are licensed and two are registered.

Inspections have been made frequently and conditions are satisfactory in all except two cases, concerning which, action is now under consideration.

Most of the butchers now also hawk their meat in vans and these also are inspected regularly. In all cases the vans have been kept clean and in a satisfactory condition. There are 14 meat shops in the district and these have been inspected almost weekly, no repairs or alterations have been found necessary and the cleanliness was quite satisfactory.

The total number of carcasses examined during the year are as follows :—

Bulls, 4.  
Bullocks, 118.  
Heifers, 153.  
Cows, 355.  
Sheep, 778.  
Pigs, 393.  
Calves, 22.



The following were condemned :—

64 sets lungs — Tuberculosis, abscess, etc.

**Cows :**

3 forequarters. 2 hindquarters. 21 livers. 2  
skirtings. 1 head and tongue.

**Cattle :**

4 livers. 3 heads and tongues. 1 stomach.  
2 kidneys.

**Pigs :**

1 whole carcase, 5 heads, 2 plucks, 2 kidneys.

**Sheep :**

1 whole sheep and offal. 1 hind leg and offal.

In the case of diseases other than tuberculosis, the percentage of animals inspected and found to be affected are as follows :—

Cattle (excluding cows)	.....	.....	.....	2.2
Cows	.....	.....	.....	2.5
Sheep	.....	.....	.....	2.7
Pigs	.....	.....	.....	1.9

In the case of tuberculosis the percentages were higher :—

Cattle (excluding cows)	.....	.....	.....	8.7
Cows	.....	.....	.....	19.7
Pigs	.....	.....	.....	2.3

There is a noticeable increase in the number of animals killed and inspected this year, over last years figures :—

1937.	1938.
61 Bullocks.	4 Bulls.
145 Heifers.	118 Bullocks.
336 Cows.	153 Heifers.
443 Sheep.	355 Cows.
344 Pigs.	778 Sheep.
10 Calves.	393 Pigs.
	22 Calves.

The meat inspection has gone very smoothly and there have been no violations of the Meat Laws and Regulations.

## Tuberculosis.

### New Cases and Mortality during 1938.

Age Period	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0								
1			1				1	
5		1	4	2				
15	1	2	1			1		
25		3	1			1		
35	2	2				1		
45	1				1			
55	1				1			
65								
and upwards								
Totals	5	8	7	2	2	3	1	

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during 1938.

Notifiable Disease	Age Groups.												Number of Cases Notified in each Locality				Total Cases removed to Hospital	Number of Deaths	
	At all Ages.	Year																	
		Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over	Worsboro Bridge	Worsboro Dale	Birdwell	Blacker Hill		
Scarlet Fever	29	1	3	4	1	11	6	1	2					12	8	8	1	27	1
Pneumonia	35	2	4	4	1		3	1	6	4	8	2		8	11	10	6	1	14
Diphtheria	20		1	1	1	10	4	1	1		1			8	8	1	3	20	0
Erysipelas	7								1	2	3	1		4	1	1	1		0
Poliomyelitis	2			1			1							1	1				0
Opthalmia Neonatorum	4	4												4				1	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	2							1		1				1		1		1	0
Puerperal Fever	1								1					1				1	0
Totals	100	6	1	8	10	3	21	14	4	11	7	12	3	39	29	21	11	51	15













